



REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN AND TREASURER

OF THE

TOWN OF WEARE,

AND OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1,

1852.



Expenses of the Alms House Establishment,

As Exhibited by Daniel L. Beckman, Superintendent.

29 gals. molasses,	7 46	12 yds denim,	1 68
Salt,	5 71	Ribbon, wire,	19
31 lbs tobacco,	7 77	2 boxes mustard,	20
Thread,	96	1-4 lb pepper,	3
23 lbs saleratas,	1 49	2 locks, 1 whip,	75
58 " sugar,	4 37	Bottle liniment, 1-4 lb salts,	29
15 " tea, 80 lbs fish,	8 99	4 glass lights, 2 plates,	24
Sheeting and combs,	6 28	5 bush corn, 1 pr boots,	7 00
Prints and gingham,	1 25	20 ft rope, bed cord,	37
10 yds patch,	80	2 yds cambric, 1-2 muslin,	52
20 lbs nails,	86	1 qt oil, broom,	39
Batting, wicking and pipes,	45	7 1-2 lbs line, axe,	1 58
Stocking yarn,	7 49	1-4 lb cassia, redwood,	16
4 earthen pots,	92	3 yds satinett,	1 74
Leather,	6 29	Buffalo robe, string bells,	6 00
Camphor and sulphur,	14	Stove box, 4 lbs raisins,	2 20
1-2 gross matches, buttons,	50	Goods to balance feeting,	1 92
13 lbs coffee,	1 58	Cash to balance,	2 28
Case knives and forks,	1 00	Hat, potash,	1 25
1-2 doz spoons, pins,	44	Castor oil, tin ware,	32
Bottle ink, garden seeds,	18	Tin and wooden ware,	42
Box salve, alum,	29	2 bbls cider,	4 00
1-4 lb salt petre, tumblers,	51	Bill pd Wallace & Osborn	
Ball shoe thread, whiplash,	19	last year,	4 08
Nutmeg and pimento,	38	James Peterson,	1 00
2 meal bags,	50	John Muzzey, 44 lbs beef,	2 64
2 balls twine,	13	John Corliss, coffin, digging	
1-4 lb cloves, 1-2 lb starch	16	grave, &c.	6 32
2 oz indigo, 4 lbs rosin,	32	Woodbury, 3 1-2 lbs rolls,	2 64
2 1-2 lbs soap, 1 lb chalk,	34	James Cram, sawing,	1 00
2 hoes, 6 sheets paper,	85	Dan'l Peaslee, Blacksmith	
Cups and saucers, beeswax,	24	work,	1 45
4 lbs rice, crackers,	1 30	Levi Currier, wheat,	3 32
4 bbls flour, potash,	22 19	Jas. Cram, shoemaking,	2 54
3 scythes,	2 50	Josiah Eastman, 2 runnets,	25
1 snaith and 2 rifles,	87	L. C. Bean,	75

Nathan George, 2 pigs,	4 00	Gorham Kendrick, use of bull,	87
Winthrop Dow, steers,	65 00	L. C. Bean, med. attend.	4 09
Thos Smith, 5 bush rye,	5 00	S. C. Eastman, 1 auger,	31
Dr. Smith, medicine,	87	do 12 pr moccasins	1 44
T. Smith, jr. barley,	42	do 1 coat and mittens	29
Samuel Austin, Blacksmith		R. Peaslee for pasturing	
work,	60	cattle,	28 25
John L. Eastman, do	6 85	B. Hoit, 10 yearlings,	85 00
John Dearborn, spirit,	1,00	Wm. Woobury, carding,	36
C. Lufkin, 3 pigs,	6 00		
Alonzo Hadley, 1-2 bbl lime,	45		\$356 32
Expenses to Manchester,	50		

Receipts of the Alms House Establishment.

Rags and old iron,	48	Lot boards, cheese,	93
Hides,	11 20	Daniel Simons, pr. oxen,	105 00
Tallow,	7 65	Plummer Balch, horse hire,	1 28
Butter and cheese,	23 69	Wells Currier	1 26
Feeting, dried apples,	8 22	Thomas Lull,	42
Beef, eggs,	23 66	Jas Cram, use of wagon,	20
Oats, beans,	4 86	George Cram, horse hire,	1 56
Onions, hay,	82	E. Perry,	42
Salt, 1 hen,	36	Plumbs,	1 54
Hill's board,	1 50	Albe Morrill, 35 apple trees,	2 80
Hiram Stevens, horse hire,	4 72	Josiah Eastman, calves,	19 00
Geo. Colby, horse hire,	49	Levi Currier, apple tree,	09
Dan'l Peaslee, " and	1 40	Lewis Tuttle, cow,	17 00
Dudley Lull,		Samuel Gove, horse hire,	66
work on highway,	5 10	Wallace & Osborn,	6 86
Joseph Cram, horse hire,	5 11	Cattle sold J. Muzzey,	165 00
" shoat	6 25		
Lot Corn butts, pasturing,	2 33		\$431 86

The Town Farm of Weare in Account with said Town.

<i>Dr.</i>		<i>Cr.</i>	
To amount pd for farm,	\$3000 00	By cost of farm,	\$3000 00
Interest on farm, stock,		Stock on hand,	390 00
&c.	210 00	Furniture,	200 00
Stock on hand 1851,	440 00	Tools,	150 00
Furniture,	200 00	Provisions, &c.	200 00
Tools,	150 00	Hay,	200 00
Provisions,	232 00	Shoats,	18 00
Hay,	270 00	Leather,	1 50
Shoats,	18 00	Lumber,	23 00
Leather,	2 00	Provisions, &c. sold,	431 86
Lumber,	23 00		
Bills paid,	356 32		\$4614 36
Superintendent if con-			
tract fullfilled,	200 00		
	\$5101 32		
	4614 36		
Balance against town,	\$486 96		

Amount of Funds Belonging to the Town.

Ministerial—Hiram Simons, agent.....	\$5400 00
Literary—Ebenezer Gove, “.....	3021 23
School—Daniel Paige, jr. “.....	2000 00
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Interest on Ministerial fund,.....	324 00
Paid H. Simons services as Agent,.....	\$ 15 00
Universalist Society,.....	130 41
Friends,.....	72 78
1st Freewill Baptist,.....	34 40
2d “ “.....	26 33
3d “ “.....	17 54
1st Calvin Baptist,.....	7 45
2d “ “.....	20 09
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	\$324 00

EBENEZER PEASLEE,	} <i>Selectmen of Weare.</i>
ISRAEL HOAG,	
DUSTIN WHITE,	

Town of Weare in Account with the Treasurer.

Cr. By the amount of State, County, Town, School and	
School House taxes assessed in 1851,.....	\$3,902 86
Received for supporting County Paupers,.....	137 69
for Railroad tax,.....	82 78
for School Fund,.....	120 00
for Literary Fund,.....	177 33
for balance on last year's settlement,.....	469 09
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	\$4,889 75

Town of Weare.

	Dr.
Paid for support of poor family,.....	\$34 74
Superintendent of town farm,.....	200 00
Wallace & Osborn, provisions for R. Kill,.....	8 85
Wm. Martin, wood for R. Kill,.....	1 69
Jacob Barrett, 9 cords wood,.....	21 78
R. Peaslee, provisions for Clansy family,.....	25 00
James Peterson, medicine and attendance on the	
Clansy family,.....	1 50
James Peterson, medicine and attendance on N. S.	
Pillsbury,.....	10 00
L. C. Bean, medicine and attendance on the	
McKain family,.....	5 18
L. C. Bean, medicine and attendance on T. Guile,..	7 50
Ira Buxton, sickness and funeral expenses of " ..	23 00
Dustin White, 1-2 cord wood, Jane Worthly,.....	1 25
Daniel Paige, Jr., on account of pauper,.....	1 25
Nathan Gutterson, " "	1 75
Ebenezer Peaslee,.....	2 00
Ezra I. Glidden, for Hannah Felch including wood	
for the present year,.....	22 00
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	\$367 49

Paid School Money.

In District No. 1,	\$50 03	In District No. 15,	\$55 03
2,	49 73	16,	98 74
3,	56 18	17,	54 96
4,	62 21	18,	24 52
5,	52 76	20,	6 90
6,	31 78	21,	41 64
7,	70 11	22,	38 49
8,	62 19	23,	52 99
9,	51 21	24,	38 49
10,	36 54	25,	47 82
11,	58 11	26,	37 38
12,	69 26		<hr/>
13,	65 02		\$1,212 09

Paid Damage for Widening and New Highways.

Ephriam Philbrick,.....	\$25 00
David and Winthrop Dow,.....	5 00
Nathan Sawyer,.....	20 00
Widow Rachael Grey,.....	35 00
Paid School House tax:—	
James Simmons, district No. 17,.....	55 50
Albe Morrill " " ".....	15 00
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	\$155 50

Paid for Repairing Highways and Bridges.

Paid E. & R. Peaslee, for 5,646 feet pine plank,.....	\$56 46
" " 6 pine strings,.....	75 00
" " 4 hemlock,.....	3 00
" " 4 day's work on Woodbury bridge	3 34
" " Repairing Kimball Bridge,.....	1 00
M. E. George, 100 feet pine plank,.....	1 00
S. W. Chase, 1175 feet hemlock plank,.....	8 23
Daniel Paige 3d, 414 feet " ".....	2 89
Josiah Dow, railing bridge plank,.....	2 00
Abner L. Hadley, labor on Corliss Bridge,.....	3 00
Francis Eastman, 1050 feet pine plank C. bridge,....	10 50
Samuel Sargent, 6 stringers for Corliss bridge,.....	3 00
Wells Currier, 378 feet bridge plank,.....	1 89
" " 4 stringers,.....	1 50
" " 1 1-2 days labor,.....	1 00
Hiram H. Favor, building stone water course,.....	4 00
David Gould, bridge plank,.....	1 75
" " labor on bridge and highway,.....	11 00
Albert Breed, labor on Dudley brook bridge,.....	5 50
" " 5 stringers " " ".....	5 50
" " 876 feet H. plank " ".....	5 25
James Cram 70 feet ".....	1 59
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	\$208 40

Miscellaneous Town Expenses.

Ezra Dow Collecting taxes,.....	\$50 00
John H. Goodale, printing town and school reports,.....	24 00
" " 2 quires surveyors warrants,.....	2 00
L. C. Bean, superintending school committee,.....	22 00
David C. Chase, " ".....	23 50
Henry Thorndike " ".....	17 50
Nathaniel Peaslee, Jr., road breaking,.....	8 66
Dudley Lull, " ".....	11 13
Wells Currier, " ".....	2 10
Cyrus Hazen, " ".....	3 40

Enoch Bartlett, for road breaking,	40
Wm. Martin, " "	80
John Hoit, " "	1 00
Daniel Paige, Jr., Agent for school Fund,	6 00
Ebenezer Gove, Agent for literary "	7 00
" " " " " " 1850,	6 00
Robert Peaslee, 13 days surveying,	11 75
Charles H. Chase, painting town house,	15 00
C. E. Wood & Co., paints, oil, glass, &c.,	32 63
A. B. Cram, services as Clerk, 1849,	9 20
C. E. Wood & Co., 5 quires Paper,	1 25
" " " postage,	1 15
Ebenezer Peaslee, Expenses to Dunbarton twice, Henniker Hopkinton, Amherst and Candia, and four times to Manchester,	15 00
Ebenezer Peaslee, Agent to paint town house,	2 00
Error on settlement at town farm, 1851,	13 39
Israel Hoag, expenses to Amherst,	2 00
" " services as Town Clerk,	12 00
" " Treasurer,	6 00
" " 2 quires paper,	50
" " preparing reports,	2 00
Daniel Johnson, expenses of selectmen,	6 25
Lewis Greenleaf, " "	75
John C. Ray, furnishing stone monuments on the line be- tween Weare and Dunbarton,	2 71
Note, Caleb P. Woodbury,	370 90
James Worthley, land damage,	11 00
Josiah Crosby, visit to town farm, operation on A. Waldo, ..	10 00
Abba Paige, illegal tax, 1848,	2 50
Samuel C. Eastman, paying S. L. Gove, D. H. Grey, and Sarah Brown notes,	1 00
Samuel C. Eastman, at town farm and procuring physieian to A. Waldo,	1 50
Samuel C. Eastman, getting town reports printed in 1851, ..	3 00
William Huntoon, 2 days on town line,	2 00
Amos S. Huntoon, 8 " "	8 00
I. Hoag, expenses to Concord, railroad tax,	1 00
Daniel B. Hoit, enrolling militia,	1 00
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\$732 97	

Taxes Abated.

Isaiah Green,	\$1 59
Isaac Farnum,	1 68
Benj. C. Segar,	1 50
Town Farm,	12 86
Peter Chase,	1 50 Illegal.
Cyrus Clough,	1 50 "

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EBENEZER PEASLEE

To 1-2 day certifying check list \$0.00

ISRAEL HOAG.

To Certifying check list,.....	\$0 50
Hiring agent and at town farm,.....	2 00
Taking inventory, and copying the same,.....	8 00
Making assessment,.....	1 00
One day at Amherst,.....	1 00
Making highway tax writing and distributing warrants,	4 00
Dividing ministerial money,.....	1 00
“ school “.....	1 00
Making money tax,.....	3 00
Widening road at North Wcare,.....	1 00
Making non-resident tax,.....	1 00
On petition of Josiah Dow and others for new road,..	1 00
On account of Dudley brook bridge,.....	1 00
2 days on bridge near Wm. Woodbury's,.....	2 00
Examining records on account of paupers,.....	2 00
On petition of Fifield, Jewett, and others, and laying out new road,.....	1 50
Widening road near John Cilley's,.....	1 50
Obtaining railroad tax.....	1 00
6 1-2 days on town lines,.....	6 50
Revising jury box,.....	50
3 days at town farm,.....	3 00
Writing warrants and check list,.....	1 00
Settlement at town farm and town accounts,.....	4 00
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	\$48 50

DUSTIN WHITE.

To Certifying check list,.....	\$0 50
On account of agent at town farm,.....	1 00
At town farm,.....	50
Taking invoice,.....	8 00
Making assessments,.....	1 00
Making highway tax, writing warrants &c.....	4 00
Making money tax,.....	3 00
On petition of P. C. Gove and others widening road,.	1 00
Dividing ministerial and school money,.....	2 00
On petition of Josiah Dow and others,.....	1 00
Carrying Alfred Philbrick to county Farm,.....	1 00
Repairing bridge near James Corliss',.....	2 00
Moving Abigail Ordway to town farm,.....	1 00
Repairing highway,.....	50
On petition of Fifield, Jewett and others,.....	50
Viewing and repairing bridges,.....	1 00
Laying out road near Nathan Sawyer's,.....	1 50
On petition, Leonard Felch and others.....	50
Revising Jury box,.....	50

To Taking invoice school Dist. No. 9.....	1 00
Making school house tax and writing warrants.....	1 00
Settlement at town farm, town account and writing warrants,.....	4 00
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	\$36 50

RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount of Credit,.....	\$4,889 75
DR. Paid State tax,.....	\$433 80
County tax,.....	1,027 42
Support of paupers, Doctor's bills &c.	367 49
Support of schools,.....	1,212 09
Damage, new highways and school house tax,.....	155 50
Repairing highways and bridges,.....	208 40
Taxes abated,.....	27 18
Miscellaneous town expenses,.....	732 97
Selectmen's services,.....	165 00
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	\$4,329 85
Balance in the hands of the Treasurer,....	\$559 90
ISRAEL HOAG, Treasurer.	

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Superintending School Committee, as required by law, present to the town the following Report:—

Owing to the absence of one of the Committee, and unavoidable engagements on the part of another, the Chairman has been under the necessity of performing nearly all the labor incident to its duties.

The schools with a single exception, have each been visited twice during the summer and winter terms, where information of their commencement and close was duly received by the Committee. In two or three instances the Prudential Committees neglected to give notice of the commencement of the schools in their respective Districts.

The Committee are gratified to perceive a generally increasing interest in relation to our schools and a corresponding improvement in their character; still there are insurmountable difficulties in the present state of things in the way of that improvement which seems to be almost universally demanded.

The condition of the school houses, with few exceptions, is miserably bad.

Originally constructed with but little attention to comfort or convenience, they have been growing worse and worse for years, until many of them are totally unfit to be occupied by anything in the form of humanity.

Bad taste in their location—their dilapidated appearance—lack of *proper* ventilation—seats constructed in such a manner that sitting upon them, is a constant punishment—Every thing about them tends to render all associations connected with them in the minds of the scholars anything but pleasant and agreeable.

Another, and, in the opinion of the Committee, an insuperable obstacle in the way of elevating the character of our schools is to be found in the fact that teaching is not made a profession.

The idea that every young man who can answer the questions commonly proposed to teachers by Examining Committees, is qualified for the business of teaching, is absurd. Other qualifications and

Faculties than those developed by the mere study of books, are necessary to constitute a good teacher.

The science or art of teaching, should be studied either practically with its masters or in institutions established for this purpose, and a thorough knowledge of all its departments as much insisted upon as is a regular course of study and discipline in the medical and legal professions. A teacher who is qualified for his occupation, and loves it for its own sake should make it the business of his life. He who makes teaching a mere stepping-stone to other pursuits and ends should never be allowed to assume its responsibilities.

The force of example—habits of thinking—impressions received by children, are not easily eradicated or overcome, and in a country like ours, where so much depends upon the formation of individual character, it is of the greatest importance that early education should not only be thorough, but that it should embody correct principles, and just motives of action.

These are the strong reliances of our moral and civil institutions, which can be safe only in the hands of a people who combine universal education with private virtue, who unite general intelligence with individual honor.

District No. 1.

This school was taught in Summer, by Miss Mary H. Sawyer, of this town. The school appeared well when visited by the Committee at the commencement, but as it was not visited at the close, the Committee are unable to report the progress of the school. Miss Sawyer is a mild, patient and well qualified teacher. A little more energy would mingle well with her other good qualities.

In Winter, the school was taught by William S. Chase of Deering. The discipline in this school was very good. The first class in reading, evidently made good improvement. The scholars appeared to take interest in their studies. The teacher was well qualified for his place and we think that he must have given good satisfaction in the district.

District No. 2.

This school was taught by Miss Ann M. Locke of this town, and appeared very well considering the age and number of the scholars. The scholars were mostly very small; but we were glad to witness at the close of the school, so good a degree of improvement, as the classes generally exhibited.

In the Winter, the school was under the instruction of Mr. John F. Burnham of Hopkinton. It was Mr. Burnham's first attempt at teaching. He succeeded well and will make an excellent teacher.—The scholars improved rapidly in reading, and the recitations in arithmetic exhibited a good knowledge of the elementary rules.

District No. 3.

This school was taught in the Fall and Winter, by Miss Anna S. Wingate, of this town, there being only one term of school in the

district, during the year. The school was of the highest order. The teacher more than sustained her former well earned reputation. In addition to the studies pursued generally in our common schools, Composition was taken up as a regular exercise at stated times. This exercise, which is one of the most indispensable branches to be attended to in order to secure a practical education, has been altogether too much neglected in our common schools.

District No. 4.

This school was taught in Summer by Miss Mary E. Johnson of this town, who did all she could for the advancement of her pupils.

In Winter, the school was taught by John C. Ray, of Dunbarton. Mr. Ray is a good teacher. He used his utmost exertions to reduce the school to good order, which was very disorderly when he commenced it; but how he succeeded we are unable to say, as the school was not visited at its close. The same remarks that have been made relative to the winter school would apply also to the summer school. Some of the scholars in this district are disposed to make a little too much noise in school.

We are unable to report the progress of either the Summer or the Winter school, as the Prudential Committee did not notify the Superintending Committee of the close of either term of the school.

District No. 5.

The Summer school was taught by Miss Margaret A. Huntington with excellent success. When we visited the school at its close, we found that the scholars had been thoroughly drilled, and that they had made good improvement in all their studies.

The Winter school was taught by Miss Elizabeth Fuller of Dunbarton, who possesses in connection with a most thorough education, that dignity and lively energy which are so necessary to a successful teacher. When we visited the school at its close, there were but very few scholars present, but judging from the recitations we witnessed, we should say the progress was very good. The condition of the school house is very bad.

District No. 6.

This school was taught in the Summer, by Miss Sarah M. Beard of New Boston. Order was maintained, and a degree of improvement was manifest; but there seemed to be a want of animation in some of the exercises. In the Winter the school was taught by Mr. Aaron Marshall of Manchester. This was his first experiment in teaching, and was in a good degree successful.

District No. 7.

This school was taught in Summer by Miss Harriet J. Colby of Dunbarton, who taught a very good school. Discipline was of the first order, and with the exception of the first class in Arithmetic,

the several classes showed that they had been thoroughly drilled and understood all they had been over. The second and third class in Arithmetic, made remarkable progress. Both teacher and scholar sustained their former reputation.

Josiah G. Dearborn taught the school in the Winter. The teacher cannot speak of the scholars in too high terms.

District No. 8.

This school was taught in Summer by Miss Amanda George of Deering. The school was very small, but appeared well when visited by the Committee. The school was taught in Winter by Mr. Daniel Buxton of Henniker. The Committee regard Mr. Buxton as being an upright young man, desirous of doing his duty wherever he may be placed; but they are sorry to say that he did not succeed in disciplining the school, as it should have been, in order to insure success to the school. Yet allowance must be made for its being his first attempt at teaching. In some schools he might have succeeded well. Some of the small scholars made good improvement.

District No. 9.

In the Summer this school was taught by Miss N. Jane Stuart of Amherst. Good improvement was made in all the branches attended to.

Mr. Austin Wason of New Boston, instructed the school in the Winter. It was his first school, and he made a good commencement. The scholars appeared interested, and every thing seemed to go on harmoniously. When we visited the school at its close, there were but few scholars present, owing to the bad travelling; but judging from the recitations of those present, we should say the school had made good progress.

District No. 10.

In this district, there was no Summer school. The Winter school was taught by Mr. Garvin Simons of Deering. Mr. Simons taught the same school last year, which is always an indication that a teacher gives good satisfaction. The progress of the scholars was very good. The class in grammar did remarkably well. Towne's spelling book was introduced into the school during the term; by whose influence we cannot say; but it was done without the knowledge of the Committee. It has never been recommended either by the County Commissioner or by the Superintending School Committee of this town. The school house is in a most miserable condition. We hope this will not be said of the school house another year.

District No. 11.

There was no Summer school in this district, and we think it is much better to have but one term of twelve or fifteen weeks, than to have two short terms. The school was taught in the Winter by J.

Harvey Woodbury of this town, who is one of the best of teachers. The examination which we attended a week before the close of the school, was very interesting—exhibiting most clearly the great advantage that is to be derived from having a thorough and experienced teacher. The several classes in Arithmetic, Grammar and Reading, made very good improvement. The class in Geography made remarkable progress, being aided by Mitchell's Series of Outline Maps, which the teacher procured at his own expense, for the benefit of the school. If all our schools could be furnished with a Globe and Series of Outline Maps, we should soon witness the great advantage that is to be derived from them.

District No. 12.

In the Summer, the school was instructed by Miss Abby H. Dunlap and appeared very well in view of the number and age of the scholars. The scholars are mostly very small, and we were glad to witness at the close of the school so good a degree of improvement as the classes generally exhibited. Miss Dunlap is a very good teacher. In Winter, the school was taught by Thomas B. Richardson, of Deering. Mr. Richardson had never taught school before, but he succeeded well. He was anxious to do all he could for the advancement of his scholars. The school was very small for the winter term. There was no class in Grammar and only one or two scholars that studied Geography. The classes in Arithmetic made good improvement, and we must say that we have not found a better class in Colburn's Arithmetic, in any of the schools of this town, than we found in this school.

District No. 13.

The Summer school was taught by Miss Lydia A. Dodge, of Hopkinton, who ranks among the best of teachers. The school, although large, was well governed, which is always necessary in order to insure interest and improvement on the part of the scholars. Whispering, which has always been one of the greatest evils in point of order to overcome in our schools, was not allowed at all, and appeared to be entirely eradicated. The improvement of the classes in Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography and Reading, was what might be expected from scholars receiving the instruction of such a teacher.

In Winter, the school was taught by Franklin C. Weeks of Manchester. As the school was not visited at the close, we are not able to report the progress of the scholars. The school house is in a good condition.

District No. 15.

In this District there was no Summer school. In the Winter, it was taught by Elijah V. B. Gove of this town. The discipline in this school was very good. Although the school was very small, yet the examination was creditable to both teacher and scholars. The condition of the school house is very bad.

District No. 16.

In the Summer, this school was taught by Miss Jenny L. Worthen. There was manifestly a great want of proper energy on the part of the teacher, and of course a corresponding lack of any thing like improvement on the part of the scholars. Owing to the ill health of Miss Worthen, the school closed unexpectedly. The winter school was taught by Charles D. Fisher of Nashua. Added to a love for teaching, Mr. Fisher possesses a thorough education and a happy faculty of imparting instruction to his pupils. The school was well managed and all that improvement made which might be expected from a knowledge of the reputation of the teacher.

District No. 17.

This school was taught, both summer and winter, by Miss Jane M. Bartlett, of Manchester, who possesses a rare faculty for enlisting the affections of her scholars. Miss Bartlett instructed the Summer school last year also, and we need say nothing more than this concerning the school: that so long as the District can secure the services of *such* a teacher, the scholars will be sure to make great improvement. When the scholars became restless and weary with study, they were occasionally diverted by singing some cheerful piece of music, which not only relieved them from all their languor, but interested and instructed them in the science of Music with which it is very desirable that all children should become more or less acquainted. We think that we do not err when we say that among the scholars of this school, may be found those who would rank with the very first of their age in town. The condition of the school house is very good, being the best in town.

District No. 18.

In this District there was no Summer school. The winter school was taught by Miss Mary A. Johnson, of this town. Order was very good and the scholars made very good improvement in all their studies. The teacher took great pains to drill her pupils in the elementary sounds of our language, which is something that has been altogether too much neglected in our common schools.

District No. 21.

This school was taught in the Summer by Miss Anne S. Wingate, of this town. We have spoken of Miss Wingate as a teacher in our report of District No. 3. Wherever she teaches, we feel confident of success. The scholars were well instructed and made that improvement which might be expected in a school taught by so excellent a teacher. The Winter school was taught by Miss Mary J. Wingate of Sanbornton, who succeeded well in governing the school, and in imparting instruction to her pupils, who appeared to be interested in their studies. The school is very much in want of a good

black board, without which it is very difficult for a *good* teacher to get along.

District No. 22.

In Summer, this school was taught by Miss Melissa Cilley. When visited at the commencement, the school appeared to be prospering very well, but as the Committee were not notified of the close of the school they are unable to report the progress. In the Winter, Sylvester Nichols taught the school, who exhibited a commendable zeal in governing and instructing the school. The classes in Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography, and Writing, made good improvement. A little more care should have been given to correct formation of some of the reading classes. This district, in common with many others, should have a better school house.

District No. 23.

The Summer school was taught by Miss Mary J. Wingate. This was Miss Wingate's first attempt at teaching, and she succeeded admirably. The school was large for a summer term, and the scholars well advanced in their studies. The Winter school was taught by Mr. Nathan Buxton, of Henniker. When the school was first visited, it was somewhat disorderly, but the teacher was enabled by constant effort to reduce it to a good state of discipline. The progress of the scholars in the various branches of study, including not only Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography, Reading, Writing, and Spelling, but also Chemistry, Algebra, and Physiology, was worthy of commendation. We were very glad to see that the parents took an interest in the school, and occasionally visited it to witness the progress made by the scholars. It speaks well for the District.

District No. 24.

This school was taught both Summer and Winter, by Miss Helen J. Johnson, who is one of the best teachers our town affords. She is a teacher who is willing to labor assiduously and zealously for the advancement of her scholars. The classes in Arithmetic, Grammar, Reading, Writing and Spelling, made great improvement. There were also in school, classes in Algebra, Chemistry and History, which made very good progress. The sounds of the letters were practiced on by the whole school. The elementary sounds of our language should be an object of instruction in all our schools, for an accurate knowledge of them is necessary to all correct readers and speakers.

District No. 25.

The Summer school was taught by Miss Philantha R. Whipple, of New Boston. The classes appeared well generally, and seemed desirous of advancing in their studies. When we visited the school at its close, there was a little too much noise among some of the small scholars. In the Winter, the school was under the charge of Mr.

Andrew B. Marshall of this town, who was quite successful in governing and instructing the school. Mr. Marshall has never taught school before, but he showed himself to be a faithful and energetic teacher. Without energy and activity, a teacher can do nothing. The progress of the scholars in their several branches of study was very good.

District No. 26.

This school was taught by Miss Lovilla Jones, of Washington, in the Fall, there being but one term. We have no hesitation in recommending Miss Jones to the favorable notice of those who want a good teacher. Good discipline and a thorough knowledge on the part of the pupils of what they studied, were among the characteristics of the school. Animation and energy had their legitimate effects in awakening an interest on the part of the scholars. With such teachers our schools would soon become models worthy of imitation. The scholars were well advanced and fully sustained the former character of the district.

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Abstract of Returns from Teachers.

No. of each District.	No. of Scholars above 4 years of age attending school two weeks.		Average Attendance.		No. of persons under 16 years attending school.	No. over 16 years attending school.	No. of children between 4 and 14 not attending school.	Aggregate length of school in weeks.		Average wages pd a month exclusive of board.		No. of visits by citizens.
	Winter.	Summer.	Winter.	Summer.				Winter.	Summer.	Males.	Females.	
No. 1	25	19	20		20	5	3	12	8	13 00	6 00	2
No. 2	21			14	18	3	4	10	10	13 50	6 00	5
No. 3	16		12		11	5	3	17			12 00	
No. 4	47	35	40		45	2	2	10	7	16 00	9 00	
No. 5	17	19	12		17	2	1	9	9		8 00	
No. 6	21	15	20	15	19	2	3	8	7	11 00	5 72	6
No. 7	26	18	21		23	3		10	11	16 00	8 00	
No. 8	18	10	13	9	14	4		7½	10½	12 00	6 00	
No. 9	27	18	18		25	4		10	11	12 00	7 00	
No. 10	17		14		13	4	2	8		14 00		
No. 11	23		20		14	9		15		16 00		20
No. 12	14	12	12	10	13	1	1	10	10	14 00	7 00	5
No. 13	27	30	19		32	2	2	11	10	14 00	8 00	13
No. 15	14		12		11	3		9		15 00		2
No. 16	51	39	39	31	43	8		10	11	20 00	8 00	23
No. 17	41	29	35	24	41	6	2	12	14		7 50	8
No. 18	11		9		10	1	1	10			10 00	10
No. 19	19	19	16		18	1	1	11	8		8 50	
No. 22	20		16		17	3		9	9	12 00	5 00	2
No. 23	31	28	27		25	6		10	12	12 00	7 00	20
No. 24	20	15	16		19	1		14	9		8 00	30
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